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AN ORDINANCE OF THE LORDS and COMMONS In PARLIAMENT.

For further addition of power to the Committee for the County of *Hertfordshire*. With the names of the Knights, Gentlemen and Officers which are of the said COMMITTEE.

Being further enabled to raise and maintaine Forces for the defence and preservation of the said County.

John Browne Cleric. Parliament.

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Die Lunæ, 18. *Decemb.* 1643.

WHereas by vertue of the 14. of *Septemb.* laſt, certain perſons therein named, intended and appointed to be a Committee for Volunteers for the ſaid county, have already raiſed three Regiments, and by their continued care and endeavours, give further hopes of good progreſſe in the work, if ſome fit addition of power be given for compelling Officers to do their duty, perſons aſſeſſed to pay their taxes; and ſuch towns and perſons within the ſaid County to bear and perform their proportionable part of the burden, both in reſpect of their perſonall ſervices and rateable taxes; who have hitherto refuſed and neglected to doe the ſame, though equally intereſſed in the danger, and benefited by ſuch protection and proviſion for their, and their Countries ſafety and ſecurity. The Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament taking the ſame into their ſerious conſiderations, and the dangers of that County being neere unto, and much threatned by a Popiſh and Malignant Enemy: and holding it juſt and neceſſary to diſpence ſuch further power to the ſaid Committee, as may be a fuller meanes of ſafeguard and preſervation of the ſaid county, and to entruſt them with the execution thereof: Doe thinke fit to Order Ordaine as followeth: And be it Ordered, Declared and Ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons, that Sir *John Garret* Baronet, Sir *John Wittewrong* Knight, Colonell *Adam Waſhington* Eſquire, *Richard Porter* Eſquire, *John Heydon*, *Francis Steward*, *Alban Coxe*, *Gabriel Barber*, Eſquires, Colonell *Nathaniel Hawes*, *John Marſh* Lieutenant Col. *William Carter*, *Thomas Mitchell*, *William Finch*, *Nathaniel Maneſty*, *Chriſtopher Loſſes*, *Zachary King*, *Henry King*, *John Gates*, *Francis Clerke*, *John Gale*, *William Barly*, *Randal Nichol*, *Daniel Nicholl*, *John*

Grub, Henry Marſh, Robert Warren, William Aleward, Thomas Sadler of Preſton, Captain *William Barker, Thomas Bigge*, of Porters End, *Tobias Combes, William Cox* of Shendley, *William Dixon* ſenior, Captain *Thomas Marſh, Thomas Greenhill* of Langley, *Nicholas King* junior, *Edward Mitchell, Thomas Nichols* of Hertford, Eſq. *Iſaac Puller, Tho. Meade, Joſeph Dalton, William Lone, Anthony Stratford, George Stratford*, Capt. *John Kelſey*, Capt. *William Burr, William Eles, George Baniſter, John Fowler, Matthew Collins, Robert Draper, William Field, Nathan Payne, Nicholas Humphreys, William Smith* of Sandrege, *Thomas Cozens, Thomas Hanſhut*, of Hinckworth, Capt. *John Barker*, Capt. *Jeremy Carter*, Capt. *Edward Sterne, John Finch* of Wartford, *John Gibbs* of Herringers and *William Plummer*, or any ſeven or more of them, ſhall have power from time to time upon any emergent occaſion as to them ſhall ſeem fit, to raiſe ſuch Forces of Horſes and Foot, out of the reſpective Towns, Townſhips, Liberties and Places in the ſaid County, as ſhall appeare to be needfull for the neceſſary defence of themſelves or any the parts adjoyning, with whom they are or ſhall be aſſociated for their mutuall defence, and to limit how many able perſons ſhall be ſent forth and paid by the ſaid places reſpectively, armed and prepared to their place & places of Randevous, thence to be led and conducted by ſuch Commanders, Colonels, Captains and Officers, as is mentioned and intended in the ſaid former Ordinance, which Colonels, Captains and Officers are likewiſe to be preſented to the ſaid Committee, to the Earl of *Manchester* Major Generall of the ſaid county & other aſſociated counties; and to have commiſſions from him in like manner, as in the ſaid former Ordinance is directed; and by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to be directed to the Conſtables or other perſon or perſons, to commit ſuch wilfull perſons as ſhall refuſe to do the ſervice, and appear at the place or places appointed, unto priſon with out Bayle or Mainprize, untill he or they conforme him, or themſelves; and further to

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enable them to maintain and pay ſuch Forces to be drawn forth upon occaſion as aforeſaid,) the ſaid Committee or any ſeven or more of them, are hereby authorized to aſſeſſe or tax, or to nominate aſſeſſors to rate, tax or levy upon the reſpective towns, townſhips, liberties, perſons and places within the ſaid county in an equall way, according to their facultie, and abilities, or according to the moſt uſuall proportion of rates in the laſt weekly aſſeſſements there, weekly to be collected, or otherwiſe, ſuch ſum or ſums of money as they ſhall judge fit and requiſite for the ſaid Forces, and to nominate collectors, and one or more Treaſurer or Treaſurers; which collectors are by them to be appointed to levy the ſaid ſums, together with the neceſſary charges which ſhall be expended in the collecting thereof, by way of diſtreſſe and ſale of the goods of the perſon or perſons ſo aſſeſſed, in caſe he or they refuſe to pay the ſame within three dayes after demand given or left in writing at the uſuall dwelling of him or them; and the ſaid collectors may call to their aſſiſtence the Conſtables and Headboroughs or any of the companies of Voluntiers or other Forces in the ſaid county, and to pay them reaſonable allowance out of the Offenders Eſtates, who are hereby required to be ayding and aſſiſting to the ſaid collectors in the Premiſes, as they will anſwer the contrary thereof. And, Be it Ordered, that every perſon ſhall be rated for the Eſtate he hath in the ſeverall places in the ſaid county; and if Land be let or ſet neer the value thereof, ſuch perſon or perſons to whom the rent thereof belongeth, to be ſolely chargeable therewith; but if the ſame be let under value, then the ſum taxed to be apportioned betwixt the party and him who receives the rent, as the Taxers ſhall think fit; and if they or any of them ſhall doe iniury in making the ſaid aſſeſſements, the ſame to be rectified by the ſaid Committee or any ſeven of them according to their diſcretions; and if any aſſeſſors or collectors or Conſtables ſhall refuſe the ſaid ſervice, or prove negligent or faulty therein, the ſaid Committee

mittee or any ſeven of them ſhall have power to commit ſuch aſſeſſors, collectors or Conſtables to priſon, or to ſet a Fine upon him or them as they ſhall think fit, not exceeding the ſum of 10. l. for every offence; the ſaid Fine to be levyed by diſtreſſe and ſale of the offenders goods. And it is ordained, that the Treaſurers appointed by the ſaid Committee ſhall keep a Regiſter-book of the ſums received and paid out by them; ſo that they may give a juſt and perfect account thereof unto the ſaid Committee when they ſhall be by them required; and for the better encouragement of the ſaid collectors and Treaſurers; it is ordained that two pence in the pound ſhal be allowed unto the ſaid collectors for every ſum of mony collected and paid by them to the ſaid Treaſurer or Treaſurers, and one peny in the pound for the ſaid Treaſurer and Treaſurers for every ſum of mony received and diſburſed by them, according to this Ordinance: and it is alſo ordained, that whatſoever ſums of mony are or ſhall be ſet or impoſed by vertue of this Ordinance upon any Land-lords, for or in reſpect of any Lands or Hereditaments held of them by any tenets, the ſame ſums of mony ſhal be paid by their ſeveral reſpective tenants, & they ſhal deduct & defalk the ſame out of the next Rents payable by them to their Landlords; and for ſo doing, the ſaid tenants, their Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſignes, from any grant, covenant conditon or writing, Obligation, or other matter whatſoever made to the contrary, ſhall by vertue of this Ordinance be fully diſcharged: & it is Ordered and Ordained by the authority aforeſaid, that in caſe the ſaid Forces or any of them ſhall be commanded out of the bounds and limits of the ſaid county, the ſaid county ſhall not be charged with the payment of them during their abſence, unleſſe they march forth of the ſaid county with the leave of the ſaid Committee for the time being, or ſeven of them. Provided, and it is Ordered & declared, that nothing in this Ordinance contained ſhall be expounded or taken to abrogate the power given to the ſaid Committe by the ſaid Ordinance of the 14. of

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Septemb. laſt; but that the ſame ſhall be of full force, according to the true meaning thereof; and it is laſtly Ordered, Declared and Ordained, that the good endeavours of the ſaid Committee in the execution of the premiſes, are and ſhall be taken as reall and publike teſtimonies of their good affections to the publike weale; and themſelves, and ſuch others as ſhall act according to the true meaning of this preſent Ordinance, ſhall be for ſo doing ſaved harmleſſe and indempnified by power of Parliament, upon all future occaſions which may happen. Provided, that this Ordinance be no longer in force, then for the ſpace of four moneths, to begin from the 18. of this preſent *December*, unleſſe both Houſes of Parliament ſhall give further order therein.

Die Mercurij 17. *April.* 1644.

An *Ordinance* for the contiutance of this *Ordinance* for the ſpace of four Moneths longer.

IT is Ordered, Declared and Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, for divers weighty Reaſons and Conſiderations them moving; that the former Ordinance made in *December* laſt, for a further addition of power to the Committee for the county of *Hertford*, enabling them to raiſe and maintaine Forces for the defence and preſervation of the ſaid County, ſhall be, and is hereby continued, and to be of force and effect, to the intents and purpoſes therein mentioned for the ſpace of four moneths longer; unleſſe both Houſes of Parliament ſhall give other order therein.

Jo. Browne Cler. Parliament.

7. *Auguſti*

An ORDINANCE for continuing the ORDINANCE, Entituled, *An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons in Parliament for the further addition of power to the Committee for the County of* Hertford; *with the names of the Knights, Gentlemen and Officers which are of the said Committee,* during the pleasure of both houses.

IT is ordered and ordained by the Lords & Commons in Parliament assembled, that the Ordinance made the 18: of *Decemb.* last, for a further addition of power to the Committee for the county of *Hertford*, enabling them to raise and maintaine Forces for the defence and preservation of the said county shall be and is hereby continued, & shall be of force and effect to the intent and purposes therein mentioned, untill both Houses of Parliament shall give order to the contrary; provided alwayes, and be it hereby ordered & ordained, that the Committee mentioned in the said Ordinance, have full power and authority to raise mony within the said county of *Hertford*, as by the said Ordinance is appointed, so as the same doe not exceed 300. l. *per* week. And it is further ordered and ordained, that the Treasurers mentioned in the said Ordinance, shall present a true and just account under their hands quarterly, of all moneys by them received and disbursed unto the Deputy Lieutenants of the said county of *Hertford*, or any four of them, being thereunto required by the said Deputy Lieutenants: Provided, and it is further ordained, that no man shall meddle, as one of the Committee, till he take the new Covenant of the 29. of *June* 1643. and the Nationall Covenant. Neither shall any be Commander or Officer of Forces there raised, or to be raised, that shall neglect (being tendered) to take the said Covenants. Which Vows and Covenants shall be immediately taken before any two Deputy Lieutenants of the said county, who are hereby authorized to administer the same to the severall Committees and Officers severally.

Hen. Elsynge. Cler. Parl. D. Com.